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1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council stipulates that the Commission shall elect, from among the representatives of its members, a Chair, one or more Vice-Chairs and such other officers as may be required.

In accordance with Council decision 2005/213, the Commission, immediately following the closure of its forty-fifth session, held the first meeting of its forty-sixth session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other officers of the

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Commission. The following officers were elected: Chair: Vlad Lupan (Republic of Moldova); Vice-Chairs: Eduardo Jose de Vega (Philippines); Matthias Schikorski (Germany); and Juan Carlos Alfonso (Cuba). The election of the Vice-Chair from the Group of African States was deferred. The membership of the Commission at its forty-sixth session is provided in the annex.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council requires that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

On the recommendation of the Commission at its forty-fifth session, the Council, in its decision 2012/234 (see A/67/3, chap. VIII.H), approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-sixth session of the Commission.

At its thirtieth session, the Commission decided to authorize its Bureau to hold intersessional meetings in preparation for its sessions on a yearly basis (see E/1997/25, para. 52). At its thirty-ninth session, in its resolution 2006/1 (see E/2006/25, chap. I.B), the Commission requested its Bureau to meet as frequently as necessary in preparation for its annual sessions. The Commission has before it the report of the Bureau on its intersessional meetings.

Documentation

Provisional agenda (E/CN.9/2013/1)

Report of the Bureau of the Commission on Population and Development on its intersessional meetings (E/CN.9/2013/2)

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of work of the session (E/CN.9/2013/L.1)

3. Actions in follow-up to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development

In its resolution 49/128, in which it endorsed the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development, the General Assembly decided that the Commission, as a functional commission assisting the Economic and Social Council, would monitor, review and assess the implementation of the Programme of Action of the Conference at the national, regional and international levels and advise the Council thereon.

In the terms of reference of the Commission (see E/1995/27, annex I, sect. I.A), which were endorsed by the Council in its resolution 1995/55, the Commission was called upon to adopt a topic-oriented and prioritized multi-year programme. That work programme would, inter alia, provide a framework for assessing the progress achieved in the implementation of the Programme of Action. In its report on its twenty-eighth session, of which the Council took note in its decision 1995/236, the Commission called for the preparation of annual reports on a selected topic of the Programme of Action (see E/1995/27, annex I, sect. III).

At its twenty-first special session, the General Assembly, in its resolution S-21/2, adopted the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action.

In its decision 2011/101 (see E/2011/25, chap. I.B), the Commission decided that the special theme for the forty-sixth session in 2013 should be "New trends in migration: demographic aspects".

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on new trends in migration: demographic aspects (E/CN.9/2013/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population programmes, focusing on new trends in migration (E/CN.9/2013/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/2013/5)

4. General debate on national experience in population matters: new trends in migration — demographic aspects

The Commission has concluded that it would be useful to make provision in its agenda for a general debate on population matters relating to the theme of the Commission session. Under this item, Governments would report on national experience in meeting the goals and objectives related to new trends in migration set out in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and would exchange views on ways to accelerate their achievement.

5. General debate on the contribution of population and development issues to the theme of the annual ministerial review in 2013

At its forty-first session, the Commission heard an address by the President of the Economic and Social Council on the various ways in which the Commission might contribute to the new mandates of the Council, in particular the annual ministerial review (see E/2008/25, chap. V). In response, the Commission added this item to its annual agenda. At its forty-sixth session, the Commission will discuss the contributions it could make to the annual ministerial review that the Council will conduct in 2013 on the theme "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals". The Bureau of the Commission decided to invite the President of the Council to address the Commission under this item in order to launch a discussion on the relevance of population trends to the theme of the 2013 annual ministerial review.

6. Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population

At its twenty-eighth session, the Commission suggested that the work programme in the field of population should continue, inter alia, to give high priority to the monitoring of population trends and policies and include the biennial preparation of estimates and projections of global, national, urban, rural and city populations; the conduct of studies on population and related development policies; the preparation of studies on interactions of population change with other development processes; the conduct of analyses of mortality; contribution to and coordination of in-depth studies on fertility, nuptiality and reproductive rights and health, including family

planning; the conduct of studies to improve the understanding of the causes and consequences of internal migration and international migration; increasing public awareness of and information exchange on population and development issues; making the necessary arrangements for coordinating the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action; and the provision of technical cooperation support to developing countries, particularly the least developed countries, and, on a temporary basis, to countries with economies in transition in the light of the economic and social problems that those countries faced at that time (see E/1995/27, annex II). The Commission reaffirmed the content of the work programme at its twenty-ninth session (Commission resolution 1996/1, see E/1996/25, chap. I.C).

At its thirtieth session, the Commission stressed the importance of continuing the basic work of the Population Division of the Secretariat on the crucial underpinnings of population estimates and projections; basic population trends and issues, including fertility, mortality, migration and patterns of rural and urban population change; the evolution of population policies; and understanding of the links between population and development (Commission resolution 1997/3, see E/1997/25, chap. I.C). At its thirty-seventh session, the Commission reaffirmed the importance of the work of the Population Division in providing the United Nations system and the international community with comprehensive and scientifically sound inputs for the analysis of progress made in achieving the goals and objectives on population and development set in the outcomes of major United Nations summits and conferences, especially the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the key actions for its further implementation and the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (Commission resolution 2004/1, see E/2004/25, chap. I.B). At the same session, the Commission further emphasized that the Population Division should continue basic work on population estimates and projections; patterns of rural and urban population change; the analysis of international migration; the implications of the changing age structure of the population for development; the increasing diversity of fertility and mortality levels and trends; the interrelations among population, resources, the environment and development; and the evolution of population policies, applying a gender perspective in this regard (Commission resolution 2004/1).

As indicated in the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 (see A/63/6/Rev.1, programme 7), the objective of the subprogramme on population is to strengthen the international community's capacity to effectively address current and emerging population issues and to integrate the population dimensions into the development agenda at the national and international levels. In paragraph 7.12 of the strategic framework, the Population Division was designated as the entity responsible for the subprogramme and the Division was mandated to achieve that objective by: (a) providing substantive support to United Nations bodies, especially to the Commission, and assessing progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the achievement of the internationally agreed goals, including the Millennium Development Goals; (b) facilitating the discussion of key or emerging population issues by experts or government representatives; (c) preparing comprehensive studies on population issues and population trends relating to fertility, mortality, international and internal migration, HIV/AIDS, urbanization, population growth, population ageing, population prospects, population policy and population in relation to development; (d) disseminating population information and policy-

relevant findings in the area of population, in particular through the Population Division websites; and (e) building capacity to address population issues at the national level through workshops or the dissemination of technical material, such as manuals and software.

The Commission has before it for consideration the draft programme of work of the Population Division for the biennium 2014-2015. The Commission is invited to review the proposal and provide its comments thereon.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population in 2012 (E/CN.9/2013/6)

Draft programme of work of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs for the biennium 2014-2015 (E/CN.9/2013/CRP.1)

7. Provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission has before it the draft provisional agenda for its forty-seventh session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Commission to consider those documents from the point of view of their contribution to the work of the Commission and their urgency and relevance in the light of the current situation.

The attention of the Commission is drawn to Council resolutions 1979/41 and 1981/83 on the control and limitation of documentation. In addition, the Commission is reminded that the Council, in paragraph 1 (j) of its resolution 1982/50 on the revitalization of the Council, urged all its subsidiary bodies to exercise the utmost restraint in making requests of the Secretary-General for new reports and studies and to implement fully the provisions of the decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly with respect to the control and limitation of documentation.

The attention of the Commission is also drawn to paragraph 4 of the annex to Council resolution 1982/50, in which the Secretary-General recommended that: (a) the documentation and programme of work of the subsidiary bodies of the Council and the Assembly be streamlined in order to enable the subsidiary bodies to perform effectively the functions entrusted to them; (b) the Council and the Assembly continue to review the provisional agendas for their subsidiary bodies, together with the list of requested documentation, in order, inter alia, to establish greater consistency in the overall request for documentation and its orderly consideration at the intergovernmental level, taking fully into account the medium-term plan and the programme budget; and (c) in doing so, the Council and the Assembly also take into account the need for the consolidation of items and documentation for their subsidiary machinery.

Furthermore, in its resolution 1981/83, the Council instructed its subsidiary bodies to take urgent measures to streamline their agendas and programmes of work and to bring about a substantial reduction in their requests for documents, bearing in mind the duration and the cycles of their meetings, and to report to the Council on

measures adopted, taking strictly into account the guidelines set forth in the pertinent resolutions and decisions of the Council and the Assembly.

In decision 1983/163, the Council requested the Secretary-General: (a) to bring to the attention of intergovernmental and expert bodies, before decisions were adopted, any request for documentation that exceeded the ability of the Secretariat to prepare and process on time and within its approved resources; and (b) to draw the attention of intergovernmental bodies to areas where duplication of documentation was likely to occur and/or where opportunities for integrating or consolidating documents that dealt with related or similar themes might exist, with a view to rationalizing documentation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session of the Commission (E/CN.9/2013/L.2)

8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-sixth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission shall submit a report to the Council on the work of each session.

Annex

Membership of the Commission on Population and Development at its forty-sixth session (2013)

(47 members; four-year term)

	Term expires at close of session in the year
Algeria	2015
Angola	2014
Bangladesh	2013
Belarus	2013
Belgium	2013
Brazil	2013
China	2014
Côte d'Ivoire	2013
Cuba	2013
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2013
Ecuador	2015
Egypt	2016
El Salvador	2015
Gabon	2015
Georgia	2015
Germany	2013
Ghana	2014
Guatemala	2014
Haiti	2013
Hungary	2014
India	2014
Indonesia	2013
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2015
Israel	2013
Jamaica	2014
Japan	2016
Luxembourg	2014
Malawi	2014
Malaysia	2014
Norway	2016
Pakistan	2013

	Term expires at close of session in the year
Philippines	2014
Portugal	2015
Republic of Moldova	2016
Russian Federation	2014
Rwanda	2013
Saint Lucia	2014
Senegal	2014
Spain	2016
Switzerland	2013
Turkmenistan	2015
Uganda	2016
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2014
United Republic of Tanzania	2016
United States of America	2014

Note: At its 52nd meeting, on 26 November 2012, the Economic and Social Council further postponed the election of one member from the Group of Asia-Pacific States and one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the forty-ninth session of the Commission, in 2016.

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Report of the Bureau of the Commission on Population and Development on its intersessional meetings

I. Introduction

1. At its thirtieth session, in 1997, the Commission on Population and Development authorized its Bureau to hold intersessional meetings in preparation for its sessions on a yearly basis (E/1997/25, para. 52). The Commission subsequently stressed the importance of making available written reports on those meetings at the earliest opportunity (see Commission decision 2005/2) and requested its Bureau to meet as frequently as necessary in preparation for the annual sessions of the Commission (see Commission resolution 2006/1). In accordance with Commission resolution 2006/1, the Bureau held three meetings between September 2012 and January 2013. The first meeting was held at Headquarters on 19 September 2012. The second meeting was held in Chişinău, Republic of Moldova, on 16 January 2012, and the third meeting was held at Headquarters on 28 January 2013.

2. The first and third meetings of the Bureau were attended by Mr. Vladimir Lupan (Chair), Ms. Marianne Bibalou, Mr. Eduardo Jose de Vega, Mr. Matthias Schikorski and Mr. Jairo Rodríguez Hernández, representing Mr. Juan Carlos Alfonso. Present at the second meeting in Chişinău were Mr. Lupan, Ms. Bibalou, Mr. de Vega, Mr. Schikorski and Mr. Alfonso. Staff from the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs as well as representatives of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) were present at all meetings of the Bureau. In addition, Ms. Emer Herity, of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management attended both Bureau meetings that were held in New York.

3. The present report summarizes the discussions of the Bureau at those meetings, including the conclusions reached and the recommendations made.

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II. Summary of the deliberations of the Bureau

A. Organization of work for the forty-sixth session of the Commission

4. The Bureau reviewed the organization of work for the forty-sixth session. It was decided that on Monday, 22 April, the first day of the resumed session, the slot between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. would be used for a presentation by a keynote speaker and that this would be followed by a slot for migrant representatives from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Following an innovative practice adopted during the forty-fifth session, the Bureau decided that the informal consultations on draft proposals would begin on the Thursday prior to the resumption of the session.

B. Keynote speakers

5. In its decision 2005/2, the Commission welcomed the format of inviting keynote speakers to address the sessions of the Commission, and requested the Bureau to make the necessary arrangements for their participation and to inform States members of the Commission accordingly. Pursuant to that decision, the Bureau decided that two expert keynote speakers would be invited to address the Commission on the special theme for the forty-sixth session, "New trends in migration: demographic aspects", and that one hour would be allotted for each speaker to make a presentation and to have an interactive dialogue with members of the Commission. The Bureau selected Mr. Graeme Hugo, Professor of Geography and Director of the Australian Population and Migration Research Centre at the University of Adelaide, to speak on "New trends in migration". The Bureau decided to invite a second expert to speak on the topic "Migration, gender and the family" and to organize an expert panel on "Migration and development", with the following three speakers: Mr. Aderanti Adepoju, Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration, University of Lagos, Nigeria; Ms. Marcela Cerrutti, Professor of Social Sciences at the National University of Luján, Argentina; and Mr. Marek Okólski, Professor of Economic Sciences and Head of the Centre of Migration Research at the University of Warsaw. As is customary, the Bureau recommended that the working group be adjourned during the presentations made by keynote speakers.

6. The Bureau also decided to include an additional speaker slot for two representatives of migrant groups on the first day of the resumed session in order to ensure that the Commission could benefit from the perspectives of migrants while it was considering the theme "New trends in migration". The Bureau considered that the presentations should be made early in the session in order to inform the deliberations held during the rest of the session.

C. Participation of relevant United Nations entities in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development

7. The Bureau noted that the topic of the forty-sixth session was relevant to the work of many entities of the United Nations system. With this in mind, the Bureau requested that the Chair of the Commission encourage relevant agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system to participate in the forty-sixth session

and to invite them to consider organizing side events during the session. As at previous sessions of the Commission, the Bureau welcomed the involvement of UNFPA in organizing a side event for the session.

D. Adoption of PaperSmart services and communication of the Chair with members of the Commission

8. In line with the Secretary-General's joint objectives of increasing efficiency, reducing the carbon footprint of the Organization and increasing the provision of e-services to Member States, the Bureau decided to adopt the PaperSmart model used by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management for handling the documentation associated with the forty-sixth session of the Commission. The Bureau requested its Chair to write to all members of the Commission informing them of this decision and providing them with information on how to access preliminary versions of the documentation for the session. In addition, the Bureau requested its Chair to write to all members of the Commission emphasizing the desirability of having migrant representatives, as well as technical representatives, that is, specialists in migration, population and development and population policy, attend the forty-sixth session.

9. The Bureau also recommended that the Chair send an informational note to Member States that are not members of the forty-sixth session of the Commission to alert them of the dates and theme of the session, the decision on the adoption of the PaperSmart model for handling documentation and to provide them with information on how to access the documentation for the session.

E. General debate on the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development in light of its twentieth anniversary

10. The Bureau recalled that on 22 December 2010, the General Assembly adopted resolution 65/234 on "Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014", in which it decided to extend the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation beyond 2014 and ensure its follow-up in order to fully meet its goals and objectives. In the same resolution, the Assembly also decided to convene a special session during the sixty-ninth session of the Assembly in order to assess the status of implementation of the Programme of Action and to renew political support for actions required for the full achievement of its goals and objectives.

11. In the same resolution, the General Assembly further decided that the Commission on Population and Development should convene an interactive discussion during its forty-seventh session on the assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action and called upon UNFPA, in consultation with Member States and in cooperation with all relevant organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant international organizations, as well as institutions and experts, to undertake an operational review of the implementation of the Programme of Action on the basis of the highest quality data and analysis of the state of population and development, taking into account the need for a systematic, comprehensive and integrated approach to population and development

issues. In addition, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a report based on that review to the Commission on Population and Development at its forty-seventh session.

12. In view of the decisions and guidance provided by the General Assembly, and noting the emphasis on the need for the effective participation and contribution of relevant actors of civil society, particularly non-governmental organizations, as appropriate, in the special session, as well as in its preparation, the Bureau invited the Chair and the Bureau members of the forty-seventh session of the Commission to engage with non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council on ways to allocate the limited speaking slots for non-governmental organizations in order to ensure the effective participation and contribution of relevant actors of civil society.

F. Relationship between the Commission on Population and Development and the Economic and Social Council

13. The Bureau discussed ways to ensure the contribution of the Commission to the annual ministerial review conducted during the high-level segment of the annual meeting of the Economic and Social Council, which, in July 2013, will focus on the theme "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals". The Bureau noted that chapter 12 of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development is on "Technology, research and development", a subject that has never been a theme of a session of the Commission on Population and Development. The Bureau noted that it was important to increase the synergies between the work of the Commission and the annual ministerial review. To that end, the Bureau suggested that, as at previous sessions of the Commission, the Permanent Representatives of Member States planning to make national presentations at the annual ministerial review be invited to participate in the general debate on the contribution of population and development issues to the theme of the annual ministerial review in 2013 (item 5 of the agenda of the forty-sixth session) so that they might be able to discuss how population dynamics reduce or increase the challenge of "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals".

14. The Bureau also endorsed the suggestion of the Chair of the Bureau that the President of the Economic and Social Council be invited to launch the discussion on agenda item 5, as had been done at prior sessions of the Commission. In addition, the Bureau endorsed the suggestion of the Chair that the Secretariat be invited to make a short presentation covering some of the key linkages between population dynamics and the theme for the annual ministerial review of 2013.

G. Resolutions and decisions

15. The Bureau recommended that the Commission consider adopting the following resolutions or decisions: (a) a decision on the draft agenda for its forty-seventh session; (b) a decision on the theme of the forty-eighth session; and

(c) a resolution on the special theme of the forty-sixth session, namely, "New trends in migration: demographic aspects".

16. As at previous sessions of the Commission, the Bureau had recommended that a working group be established at the start of the resumed forty-sixth session to discuss proposals that might result in the adoption of resolutions or decisions. The Bureau also recommended that the Chair of the Commission distribute initial drafts of resolutions and decisions in order to facilitate the deliberations of the working group and requested that the drafts be made available to members of the Commission and to the regional groups three weeks prior to the resumption of the forty-sixth session. Following the practice adopted in 2012, the Bureau also suggested that informal consultations on the draft resolutions and decisions begin during the week preceding the resumption of the forty-sixth session.

H. Briefing for members of the Commission

17. The Bureau recommended that, at least four weeks prior to the resumption of the forty-sixth session, the Director of the Population Division organize a briefing for delegations on the status of documentation for the session, the organization of work and the resolutions and decisions likely to be considered by the Commission.

18. The Bureau stressed the importance of the timely availability of documents for the forty-sixth session of the Commission in order to facilitate the preparation of statements by delegations. The Bureau endorsed posting advanced unedited versions of such documentation on the Internet in English.

III. Recommendations of the Bureau

19. **The Bureau recommended the adoption of the draft organization of work for the forty-sixth session of the Commission.**

20. **The Bureau decided that two keynote speakers, a panel of three experts and two migrant representatives would be invited to address the Commission on the special theme of the forty-sixth session, "New trends in migration: demographic aspects".**

21. **The Bureau recommended the adoption of the PaperSmart model for handling the documentation associated with the session.**

22. **The Bureau requested that the Chair of the Commission write to all members of the Commission informing them that the session will use the PaperSmart model for the handling of all documents and providing information on how to access preliminary versions of the documentation for the session. In addition, the Bureau requested its Chair to write to all members of the Commission stressing the desirability of having migrant representatives as well as technical experts as part of their delegations.**

23. **The Bureau requested that the Chair write to Member States that are not members of the forty-sixth session of the Commission to alert them of the dates and theme of the session and the decision on the adoption of the PaperSmart model for the handling of all documents, and to provide information on how to access preliminary versions of the documentation for the session.**

24. The Bureau, recalling General Assembly resolution 65/234, invited the Chair and Bureau members of the forty-seventh session of the Commission to engage with non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council intending to participate in the forty-seventh session on ways to allocate the limited speaking slots for non-governmental organizations to ensure the effective participation and contribution of relevant actors of civil society.

25. The Bureau decided to invite the President of the Economic and Social Council to address the Commission under item 5 of the provisional agenda of the forty-sixth session and to invite the Permanent Representatives of Member States making national presentations at the annual ministerial review in 2013 to participate in an interactive dialogue on the relevance of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development for the theme of the 2013 annual ministerial review. In addition, the Bureau decided to ask the Secretariat to prepare a brief presentation on some of the key linkages between population dynamics and the theme for the 2013 annual ministerial review.

26. The Bureau recommended that the Commission consider adopting a decision on the provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session, a decision on the theme for the forty-eighth session and a resolution on the special theme of the forty-sixth session, "New trends in migration: demographic aspects".

27. The Bureau recommended that a working group be established at the start of the resumed forty-sixth session of the Commission in order to discuss issues that might result in the adoption of resolutions or decisions and that the working group begin its work on the afternoon of the first day of the resumed session of the Commission. The Bureau further recommended that informal consultations on the draft resolution and decisions begin the week prior to the resumption of the Commission.

28. The Bureau requested that the Chair of the Commission distribute initial drafts of resolutions and decisions in order to facilitate the deliberations of the working groups, and that the drafts be made available to members of the Commission and to the regional groups three weeks prior to the resumption of the forty-sixth session. The Bureau also recommended that advance unedited versions of official documents be posted on the Internet in English only.

29. The Bureau recommended that, at least four weeks prior to the resumption of the forty-sixth session of the Commission, the Director of the Population Division organize a briefing for delegations on the status of documentation for the session, the organization of work and the resolutions and decisions likely to be considered by the Commission.

30. The Bureau also requested the Chair of the Commission to encourage relevant agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system to participate in the forty-sixth session and to invite them to organize side events during the session.